

**Contractor Questions & Answers
For Solicitation No. S-CO150-11-R-N011
Tolemaida Wash-Rack enlargement
Tolemaida Army Base – Colombia**

April 18, 2011

Following is a list of the questions I have received from the contractors participating in the above project. Each question is followed by the Government's response.

Question #1: ¿According with specification “2.6 protections of existing pipes”, contractor should provide a concrete protection for existing lines; please provide drawings of existing lines in order to quote with certainty this item?

Answer: **It is not possible because do not exist any drawing about existing lines. The Colombian Army does not have any information about this.**

Question #2: There is any special construction joint between asphalt and concrete Platform?

Answer: **No, See sheet 08 / 08 – Section B – Asphalt Platform – Concrete Platform. The contractor shall guarantee an excellent bonding between asphalt and concrete.**

Question #3: Platforms need a grounding system? If yes, which would be this system?

Answer: **No**

Question #4: Platforms need a pavement marking for maneuvers?

Answer: **No.**

Question #5: Bonds: there is different information in parts of the contract in h.11 you are requesting warranty bond and payment bonds with 20% coverage. in i.6 you are requesting 100%. but in attachment 7 you are requesting local Colombian standard bonds as: performance bond, payment bond, general liability bond, and stability -quality with 100% coverage. also NAS has always request in the local bonds 20% and 30% coverage which is more than the standard in Colombia, but now it has been changed to 100%. This percentage is not given by the insurance companies and it is not a common practice in Colombia. We request you to revise in order for companies to comply.

Answer: **Please refer to updated Bonds Attachment. The document [bondsandinsurance3112011.pdf](#) is replaced by the document [Updated Attachment Bonds and Insurance.pdf](#)**

Question #6: Bonds: also in h.1.4 the duration of coverage is indicated in 1 year and the percentage of the coverage reduced to 10% after the contract is finished. Which duration will be valid the one indicated in this numeral or the one indicated in attachment 7?

Answer: **Please refer to updated Bonds Attachment. The document [bondsandinsurance3112011.pdf](#) is replaced by the document [Updated Attachment Bonds and Insurance.pdf](#)**

Question #7: Insurance: in b.1 you are requesting workers' compensation and war-hazard insurance, which shall be a direct reimbursement. Please indicate what insurance is that one and if it applies for local workers.

Answer: **Please refer to updated Bonds Attachment. The document [bondsandinsurance3112011.pdf](#) is replaced by the document [Updated Attachment Bonds and Insurance.pdf](#)**

Question #8: currency: in b.2 you indicate that currency will be as indicated in sf1442, and it does not indicated, the currency will be Colombian pesos? Without being affected by currency exchange rates?

Answer: **The currency will be Colombian pesos.**

Question #9: Monday April 25 is the day to submit the proposal, but that day is the first working day after holly week. Can you please move the due date to Tuesday or Wednesday of that same week?

Answer: **The due date remains the same.**

Question #10: can you please send the drawings in AutoCAD? To check measurements.

Answer: **The offerors who require dwg. files, must request them by mail to COR. Francisco Cabrera: cabreraf@state.gov by COB April 18, 2011. dwg. files will be delivered by email on April 19, 2011, to the participants who required them.**

Question #11: Do we have to fill in the breakdown of price by division of specification chart? or only the official breakdowns and detailed bidding charts.

Answer: **As it was said in the pre-proposal conference all charts shall be filled out and submitted with the offer.**

Question #12: is the construction going to be as indicated in the detailed drawings and specifications or subject to change based on the soil analysis and different studies and design requested?

Answer: **As it was said in the site visit, the construction shall be done as is indicated in the specifications and drawings.**

Question #13: we are assuming for this proposal the design submitted by NAS but if after studies and re-design if the characteristics changes and so the costs, the contract price will me modified to assume it?

Answer: **As it is indicated in before answer, the construction shall be done as is indicated in the specifications and drawings. In this project is not necessary to do soil investigation because we are following the same pavement structure of existing constructions.**

Question #14: the studies to perform are soil analysis, structural design, drainage design and electrical when contract is awarded? But no pre-design is needed in the proposal correct?

Answer: **The studies are going to be accomplished are indicated in the chapters 2. EARTHWORKS and 3. STRUCTURES and the requested in the standards mentioned it in the specifications.**

Question #15: what characteristics are needed in the soil analysis any specific number of bearings and at what depth? What type of CBR?

Answer: **See answers to questions #12, #13 and #14.**

Question #16: is there a need to leave extended excavation areas (sobreanchos) and if so of what measurement?

Answer: **No, the construction shall be built according to indicated in the drawings and specifications.**

Question #17: Do you have an estimate of the pipes that need to be protected?

Answer: **No. See answer to question #1.**